

Our mission, strategies and vision for student learning in Indiana

Mission

The Indiana Superintendent, State Board and Department of Education
will

lead the improvement of student learning
in the K-12 schools of Indiana

by working on behalf of Hoosier citizens to ensure that

Strategies

- **all Hoosiers understand** the urgent and critical need for dramatic improvement in student learning
- **leadership is developed and supported** in Hoosier communities to work to improve student learning
- **the conditions (freedom, support and expectations) exist** to drive the re-design and delivery of student-centered, learning-focused education
- **every teacher dramatically increases learning by each student**
- **every student masters and builds on Indiana's academic standards** in reading and writing, mathematics, science and social studies

so that

Vision

each Hoosier child is educated to have
the knowledge, skills, maturity, social competence and motivation
to be

- **prepared to succeed in further education**
- **an effective participant in the global economy**
- **a positive influence in the community**
- **an active citizen in American democracy**

Front Burner DOE & State Board Actions & Initiatives (non-exhaustive)

All Hoosiers understand the urgent and critical need for dramatic improvement in student learning

- **Communicate urgency constructively but clearly**
 - **Communication plan:** change (knowledge-based, technology-infused, globally-connected & -competitive world), impact (individual, family & community focused) & opportunity (linkages standard of living & quality of life)

Leadership is developed and supported in Hoosier communities to work to improve student learning

- **Develop community-based alignment around critical issues:**
 - **Community Capacity:** mayors, community/corporate leaders, school, district & teacher leaders
 - **Student leadership:** faculty professional development, student comprehension & involvement to develop, inform & motivate
- **Broker effective knowledge on what works:** information, policy, action

The conditions (freedom, support and expectations) exist to drive the re-design and delivery of student-centered, learning-focused education

- **Create more freedom & flexibility for schools**
 - **Deregulation:** reduce the amount of time and resources districts, schools and teachers must direct to non-student learning activities
 - **One Plan:** enable districts to collapse from 17 to 40 required plans into one that meets state and federal requirements
- **Provide more substantive value-adding support to schools**
 - **High School Redesign Initiatives:** STAR Project (voluntary participation by struggling schools), Network of Innovative Thinkers, support for consortia & networks
 - **Aids to Local Decision Making:** Technology support for planning, including the Data Bridge, the Data Quality Campaign elements & the Decision Support Architecture Consortium tools
- **Articulate needs and expectations clearly**
 - **College/Workforce Readiness:** importance of preparation for post-secondary education
 - **21st Century Skills:** built on top of basic skills & knowledge for full preparation

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- **Benchmark our teacher preparation & support systems**
 - National Council on Teacher Quality
- **Leverage access to and learning from resources that drive teaching for learning**
 - National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality

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- **Identify student results to help schools improve them**
 - **Assessment:** Implement the long-term assessment plan
 - **Diagnostics:** Facilitate teacher professional development for use of diagnostics to drive learning
 - **Reading:** Ensure schools determine whether each student reads at grade level and respond if not
 - **Academic Growth:** Help schools understand, assess, evaluate & drive student academic growth

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